

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

"THE FED IS MISTAKEN"

**HON. BARNEY FRANK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 20, 2000*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I continue to be very concerned that the Federal Reserve will unduly restrict economic growth by overreacting to the possibility of inflation, in the absence of any sign of it. Last week I introduced into the RECORD a very thoughtful analysis by Jeff Faux of the Economic Policy Institute, a liberal organization, refuting the Fed's analysis. Today, I introduce an article from a conservative thinker, Lawrence Kudlow, who disagrees with Mr. Faux on many points, but who agrees on the central issue that the Federal Reserve is threatening our prosperity unnecessarily by inaccurately portraying an inflationary danger in current economic trends. Unfortunately, the well deserved respect that people have for Mr. Greenspan and his record in office serves to diminish the healthy debate a democracy ought to have on the important questions with which the Fed deals. In fairness to Mr. Greenspan, it should be noted that he has not himself sought to discourage discussion, and indeed I believe he welcomes an open debate on these questions. I believe that the central thesis that Mr. Kudlow discusses here is absolutely accurate, namely that the growth we have been enjoying results from improved productivity, among other things, and does not carry with it the inflationary threats that some in the Fed see. In the interest of the sort of debate that we should be having on this central subject, I ask that Mr. Kudlow's analysis be printed here.

(By Lawrence Kudlow)

Alan Greenspan's harsh warnings that only substantially higher interest rates can slow down the economy are like an out-of-range cellular telephone call. They are disconnected from the reality of the new Internet economy.

Mr. Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, has repeatedly warned that we are at risk of inflation and that "excess demand" must be curbed by a tighter credit policy. Trouble is, the superb performance of the economy disproves these fears. Over the past five years, rapid technological advances have generated 4 percent yearly growth while inflation has been at a minuscule 1½ percent. A virtually perfect scenario.

Yet Mr. Greenspan persists in conjuring up arguments that fly in the face of both actual evidence and established economic theory. Lately he has been seeing harm in the productivity gains that policymakers have sought for three decades. Overall productivity has grown an average of 3 percent annually in the United States; the industrial sector has increased productivity by more than 5 percent per year. All schools of economic thought—Keynesian, supply-side, even socialist—agree that productivity increases are always desirable.

The Fed chairman, however, now asserts that rising productivity is doing bad things,

fueling corporate profits and higher stock market prices. This, he warns, poses the threat of inflation caused by increased consumer spending.

So, in this tortured Alice-in-Wonderland logic, all that appears to be good is really bad. Real world statistical evidence, however, runs counter to this view. Despite the soaring stock market, consumer spending over the past five years increased by 35 percent, less than the increase in wages and salaries, which rose by 38 percent. The stock market then, has not induced consumers to spend above their means.

Also, a recent study by the Federal Reserve itself suggests that many investors in the bull market are actually saving more and spending less in order to reap greater retirement benefits. Indeed, it was during the 1970's, when inflation was high, that consumption went up faster than wealth. During the 1980's and 1990's, when inflation was low, wealth rose faster than consumption. And this wealth led to a spectacular surge in investment, providing more factories, equipment and services that can keep up with demand.

Indeed, the very success of Mr. Greenspan's own anti-inflation policies has fostered the productivity-driven prosperity that he is now in danger of curbing. Declining inflation puts more money in the pockets of workers, investors and entrepreneurs. As a result, the efficiency of employers and employees has improved markedly. The entire economy has been retooled for global competitiveness.

Most vexing, however, is Mr. Greenspan's apparent refusal to acknowledge that inflation really is caused by too much money chasing too few goods. In speech after speech—warning of potential inflation threats—the central banker never, ever mentions the word money.

If the money supply were excessive, the dollar's exchange rate would decline, gold prices would increase and long-term interest rates would rise—all market signals of future inflation. But today, the dollar is strong, gold is weak and long-term Treasury rates are falling, telling us that the Internet is more important than the Fed.

Technology has fought inflation much more successfully than the Fed ever could. Let's look at recent technological breakthroughs: computer chips that break the gigahertz speed barrier of one billion cycles per second, new molecular electronic chip-making systems, new open access to broadband cable transmission systems, and new business-to-business auction websites for low-cost manufacturing supplies and parts.

They all promote faster economic growth at lower prices without any help from the Fed.

But Alan Greenspan doesn't seem to appreciate these developments. And in this sense, the Fed is stuck in the old era—it thinks we still have a smokestack economy as opposed to the new Internet economy.

The Fed keeps trying to pour old wine into new bottles. This won't work, and it might do considerable harm. If it goes too far, and raises interest rates too high, that will surely undermine this prosperity.

Here's a better idea for Greenspan and Company: If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

HONORING THE 183D ANNIVERSARY OF THE MT. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH IN COLUMBIA, PA

**HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 20, 2000*

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 183d anniversary of the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Columbia, PA.

Early church records indicate that the establishment of the first Meeting House for African-Americans in Columbia, PA was created in 1817. At their location, African-Americans had a place to worship, meet and discuss their daily lives, and also plan strategies for others to escape to freedom through the Underground Railroad. The establishment was expanded in 1823 by a group of emancipated slaves from Virginia, and subsequently formed the first Methodist Church. This small, yet thriving church, located on N Avenue, was used as a place of worship until 1832. The church and the preceding structures were the beginning of the present Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Columbia, Pennsylvania.

During the pastorate of Reverend Stephen Smith, a small frame church was purchased on the corner of J Avenue and Church Avenue. Sadly, this church burned to the ground in 1840. A brick structure was built in its place, which served the congregation until 1862. After 1862, a new building was secured at the south corner of N Avenue and Fifth Street. This structure was used as a church for 10 years, and then was turned over to the Columbia School District to be used as a school for African-American children. This building later became the Harvey T. Mackle American Legion Home.

The present site of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church was founded in 1872. A large brick church, built under the pastorate of Rev. George M. Witten, was located adjacent to the south corner of N Avenue and Fifth Street. Tragedy again struck in 1921 when the church was destroyed by fire. The present structure, which remains today, was rebuilt with the help of the African-American community.

Throughout the years, many devoted pastors, their families, church members, and community friends provided the leadership and sacrifice that enabled the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church to survive, continue, and operate to this magnificent time and place in history. The members and friends of the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church celebrate the momentous 183d anniversary under the current leadership of Rev. Charles McAllister and Rev. Patricia McAllister.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to congratulate the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Columbia, PA for their 183d anniversary, and wish their members and family the best of health and happiness in the years to come.

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## FRIENDS OF IRELAND

## HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 20, 2000*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, I am inviting all my colleagues to become a Friend of Ireland. The Friends of Ireland is a bipartisan congressional organization established in 1981 by the late Speaker, Thomas "Tip" O'Neill. Every successive Speaker has carried on the tradition with Speaker HASTERT and Minority Leader GEPHARDT serving as honorary chairmen of the group.

The purpose of the Friends of Ireland is to increase the bonds of friendship and understanding between the American people and the people of Ireland. We look for a peaceful solution to the problems of this troubled land. Our organization is open to all Members of the 106th Congress who share its principles and has attracted widespread support over the years. There are also several Senators who are members of the Friends.

Over the years, the statements of support for peace in Ireland, condemnations of human rights abuses, assistance to the International Fund for Ireland and general expressions of goodwill have made a difference. The voice of the U.S. Congress is listened to very attentively in Ireland both in the Republic and in the North.

I submit this year's St. Patrick's Day Statement for the RECORD:

STATEMENT BY THE FRIENDS OF IRELAND—  
SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 2000

On this first St. Patrick's Day of the new millennium, the Friends of Ireland in the United States Congress join 45 million Irish-Americans of both traditions in celebrating the unique bonds between our two nations. We send greetings to the President of Ireland, Mary McAleese and warmly welcome the Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, on his third St. Patrick's day visit to Washington. We share the hopes of the Irish people that the current impasse in the Northern Ireland peace process will be broken soon.

We are deeply troubled by the suspension of the democratically elected Government of Northern Ireland by the British Government and the stalemate over decommissioning. We urge all political leaders in the North to recommit themselves to the spirit and letter of the Good Friday Agreement. We have provided strong and consistent support throughout the peace process to all parties committed to peace, and we reaffirm our commitment to the full implementation of the Agreement.

The Good Friday Agreement was endorsed decisively by the people of Ireland both North and South with majorities from both traditions. It is a mandate given to those working on behalf of peace, justice and the creation of a new beginning in Northern Ireland. Successful implementation is predicated on the concurrent resolution of all the interdependent aspects of the Agreement. The successful implementation of the agreement must be the clear goal for all who want to consolidate the progress that has been made and to avoid the danger of failure for yet another generation in Northern Ireland.

At this time, the institutions of devolved government are suspended. The suspension was not caused by any failure of the institutions themselves, nor by any violation of the Agreement, but by an internal political cri-

sis focused on the issue of decommissioning. We encourage the political leaders to bridge this crisis of confidence and secure the reinstatement of the institutions as soon as possible. Their absence creates a gap which the enemies of peace can and will exploit. It is vital that they are not permitted to succeed. The ongoing cease-fire are major confidence building measures, and it should be made clear that any return to violence is not an option. We condemn unequivocally all acts of violence.

We call on all sides to implement additional confidence building measures. Root causes of violence—prejudice, religious intolerance and sectarianism—must also be eliminated. The nationalist and unionist communities must see that politics is working and believe their future can rest with the actions of their democratically elected representatives in the Assembly.

The issue of confidence in the integrity of the democratic institutions set up under the Good Friday Agreement must not be seen as confined to the agenda of any one side. It is a shared requirement which all have a vital stake in restoring. Each party is committed under the Agreement to ensure the viability and effective operation of the political process pledged in the Agreement by persuading those who hold weapons that such weapons can have no role whatsoever in a democratic system.

In spite of discouraging setbacks, we believe that a way forward can be found on this difficult issue by building on the progress already made. We welcome the acknowledgment by the IRA that "the issue of arms needs to be dealt with in an acceptable way and this is a necessary objective of a genuine peace process." We also welcome the work in identifying and advancing the context where this goal can most successfully be achieved. We consider a crucial test to be whether the electorate in Northern Ireland can be reassured that their democratic wishes will not be undermined by actual or threatened recourse to guns from any side.

We believe there is now an acceptance of this fundamental principle across the entire political spectrum which offers a basis for reaching an accommodation, provided the parties approach it in a spirit of reciprocal action, and with sensitivity about the real constraints on each side and the need for skillful and patient management of these constraints. We urge renewed dialogue in this spirit using the Independent Commission headed by General de Chastelain. The paramilitaries must put weapons beyond use and make progress on the decommissioning issue.

The British Government must reasonably scale down its military presence in the North. We also give particular importance to the timely implementation of the Patten Report, including the urgent appointment of an Oversight Commissioner and assistants, the early publication of a detailed implementation plan, and the speedy passage of legislation. We believe the publication of the Criminal Justice Review should begin a program of significant reforms. We support changes that ensure a police force with representation from both communities and a criminal justice system which will command loyalty from all people living in Northern Ireland. These are the essential ingredients necessary in the creation of a just and peaceful society.

We also note the importance of moving forward on human rights and equality issues under the Agreement. This includes the creation of a Bill of Rights for Northern Ireland and the obligation to promote equal opportunity. We emphasize the continuing need to demonstrate public commitment to human rights and accountability through the estab-

lishment of independent inquiries into the Finucane, Nelson and Hamill cases.

We support the initiative taken by the Irish and British Prime Ministers at the beginning of this month to launch a round of intensive consultations to restore the institutions of the Good Friday Agreement and deal with the arms issues as quickly as possible.

Over this St. Patrick's Day period, we will be urging all the leaders from Northern Ireland to recognize the importance of what is at stake, the danger of delay, and the need for a genuine and sincere collective effort to overcome these last remaining obstacles to the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement. All Friends of Ireland in the United States stand ready to help in any possible way.

## FRIENDS OF IRELAND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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HONORING MICHAEL KELLY OF  
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

## HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 20, 2000*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Mike Kelly on the eve of his retirement from Golden Valley Electric Association in Alaska.

Michael P. Kelly has worked for 33 years; 17 of them were as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Golden Valley Electric Association. He is a leader within Alaska's utility industry. Throughout his thirty-three years he has grown Interior Alaska's lone electric co-op into a multi-million dollar enterprise which provides electrical service to an estimated 80,000 people. In fact, during his leadership GVEA has not raised its rates during the last 18 years.

Mike has dedicated his career at GVEA to fighting for projects and progress that have benefited consumers in both Alaska's Railbelt and in Alaska's remote regions. He led GVEA's purchase of the Fairbanks Municipal Utilities (electric) System, and has been the facilitator in the construction of the Northern Intertie Project has served in numerous leadership positions within the industry and in the community of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Not only has Mike been a industry leader but more importantly he has been a community leader within Fairbanks as well as a civic leader within the Great State of Alaska. He serves on the Boards of Denali State Bank and the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Foundation. Mike is a member of Fairbanks Rotary, a past board member of the Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. He just completed eight years on the University of Alaska Board of Regents and was the President of the Board from 1996–1998.

Mike as a leader in the utilities industry are notable. Mike has received numerous national, state and local recognitions including the Northwest Public Power Association Raver

Award in 1986 for displaying outstanding community service through leadership. Mike was recently named the 199 recipient of the Mason Lazelle Award, the highest honor awarded by the industry in Alaska, at the Alaska Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Annual Meeting in August, 1999.

Mike graduated from Monroe High School and from the University of Alaska at Fairbanks where he majored in Business Management. He is a past recipient of the Business Leader of the Year Award from UAF Associated Students of Business.

Mike is also an avid river boater and pilot and in his spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, trapping and spending time with his family in the great Alaskan outdoors.

#### A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MILES LERMAN

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 20, 2000*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to reprint a resolution that was adopted recently by the members of the President's Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States.

This resolution commends Miles Lerman, a member of the commission, for his commitment and dedication to Holocaust memory and education. Mr. Lerman has also served as chairman of the Holocaust Memorial Council of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, but recently resigned from that position, though he remains a member of the Holocaust Memorial Council. The members of the Presidential Advisory Commission adopted this resolution unanimously in recognition of Mr. Lerman's extraordinary contributions to the pursuit of truth and justice for Holocaust victims and their families.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to submit for the RECORD and share the text of this resolution with our colleagues.

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COMMISSION ON HOLOCAUST ASSETS IN THE UNITED STATES

MILES LERMAN

*Whereas*, Miles Lerman has been a leader in the pursuit of the truth and of justice for Holocaust victims and their families for decades; and

*Whereas*, over that time he has devoted enormous time and effort to educating the people of the world about the lessons of the Holocaust; and

*Whereas*, he participated in creating the Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States to investigate and advise on the fate of Holocaust victims' assets that came into the possession or control of the United States Government; and

*Whereas*, he has lent his moral authority and practical knowledge to the Presidential Commission as a Member since its creation; and

*Whereas*, the Presidential Commission hopes to continue to rely on him as it completes its work and delivers its recommendations to the President;

*Now therefore*, The Members of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States, with respect, admiration, and affection, gratefully acknowledge Miles Lerman and his extraordinary contributions to the pursuit of the truth and of justice for Holocaust victims and their families.

Unanimously agreed to by the Members of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States on February 29, 2000.

#### HONORING DON ANDERSON FOR SAVING A CHILD'S LIFE

**HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 20, 2000*

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Don Anderson of Dauphin County, PA, for his thoughtfulness and caring in saving a young girl's life. Mr. Anderson is a bus driver for Central Dauphin School District. During the last week of February, Mr. Anderson was picking up elementary school children as he did everyday on his bus route. Because Mr. Anderson is familiar with all the children who ride upon his bus, he noticed that a young girl was missing.

Mr. Anderson asked the girl's friend where she was. The little girl, although hesitant at first, told Mr. Anderson that her friend had taken pills and had passed out in her home. Mr. Anderson, being unable to leave the children under his care alone on the bus, sent this friend of the ailing girl back home to get her father. Mr. Anderson, pulled the bus to the side of the road and waited.

The friend's father, upon being told about the child, ran to her house and found her unconscious on the floor. He immediately called 911 and soon an ambulance was on its way. Mr. Anderson waited until the father returned to tell him the little girl was getting medical attention. Only then did Mr. Anderson complete his honorable job of delivering the rest of the children to school.

Mr. Anderson's care and devotion for children should serve as inspiration, not only for the citizens of Dauphin County, but for all of America. We all wish that all of our citizens exhibit the common sense and dedication to helping others that Mr. Anderson possesses. For the little girl, for her family and for all persons that you have helped with your selflessness, we thank you.

#### TRIBUTE TO VETERAN CONGRESSIONAL AIDE CARY BRICK

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 14, 2000*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with many of my colleagues in recognizing a man who has served this House with great distinction for over 30 years. Cary R. Brick, chief of staff to our colleague Rep. JOHN MCHUGH, will retire on Friday of this week after three decades of service to this House and the people of the 24th district of New York. He has done this with great skill, dedication and determination throughout his tenure.

For just a moment I'd like to tell everyone why I wanted to come here and partake in this special tribute. It has been said that this world is made up of many special characters. In Cary Brick, better known to his New York friends as "The Dean", we have just such a person. No one can ever accuse Cary of being dull and boring. He has the ability to

make one laugh and tell great true life adventures relating to his work here on the Hill. More importantly he gets his point across and makes you feel like the end result was really your solution all along. That is a tremendous asset when working with people who might not be like minded.

There is a certain sadness to face when someone of ability and stature retires from the House. It is difficult because we lose more of the institutional memory around here that's so badly needed. There aren't many senior staff people in individual Member offices any longer and that doesn't help us to effectively do business around here.

In closing let me extend personal good wishes to "Dean" Brick from myself and all of his many friends both on and off the House campus. Cary, I hope you and your wonderful family enjoy fully the years ahead. You have earned the respect and admiration of those who know you.

I look forward to seeing you often in beautiful Upstate New York. Congratulations for a job well done!!

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE OMAHA STAR

**HON. LEE TERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 20, 2000*

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today on the occasion of Black Press Day. March 16 is the anniversary of the publication of the first black-owned newspaper in the United States.

On this day in 1827, the first edition of Freedom's Journal rolled off the presses and onto the streets of New York City.

I borrow from the National Newspaper Publishers Association when I recite the credo of the Black Press:

The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonism when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human and legal rights. Hating no person, fearing no person, the Black Press strives to help every person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

And there is no better example of this credo than in my own district in Nebraska. The Omaha Star is one of the nation's most renowned black-owned newspapers. The late Mildred D. Brown, who was one of the nation's most widely known publishers, founded it in 1938. Since its inception some 62 years ago, the Omaha Star has never missed an edition, and it is distributed in nearly every state of the Union.

The Omaha Star has been Omaha's main advocate and champion for the progress of African-Americans during its lifespan. Nebraska's only black-owned newspaper, the Omaha Star and Mrs. Brown were irreplaceable in their contributions to the city's growth and gain.

We owe a special debt of gratitude to the pioneers at the Omaha Star, both past and present, who lead the fight for acceptance of all races. And so, on behalf of all Nebraskans I say to the people of the Omaha Star, "Thank you."

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the *Extensions of Remarks* section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## MARCH 22

9 a.m.  
Rules and Administration  
To hold hearings on the Constitution and campaign reform.

SR-301

9:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Interior Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

SD-124

Indian Affairs  
Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on the nomination of Thomas N. Slonaker, of Arizona, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

SR-485

Armed Services  
Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on Department of Defense acquisition reform efforts, the acquisition workforce, logistics contracting and inventory management practices, and the Defense Industrial Base.

SR-222

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings on the nomination of Susan Ness, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.

SR-253

10 a.m.  
Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Retired Officers Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, AMVETS, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.

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Finance  
To hold hearings to examine the inclusion of a prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program.

SD-215

Foreign Relations  
Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine issues dealing with Iraq, focusing on sanctions and U.S. policy.

SD-419

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
Securities Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine electronic communications networks and brokerage firms efforts to meet investors' needs in the financial marketplace of the future.

SD-628

Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings on Department of Energy's management of health and safety issues surrounding the DOE's gaseous diffusion plants at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Piketon, Ohio.

SD-342

2 p.m.  
Judiciary  
Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition Subcommittee  
To hold oversight hearings on certain antitrust issues.

SD-226

Armed Services  
Airland Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on tactical aviation.

SR-222

Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

Budget  
Business meeting to markup a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2001 budget for the Federal Government.

SD-608

2:30 p.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine recent program and management issues at NASA.

SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources  
Water and Power Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on H.R. 862, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement the provisions of the Agreement conveying title to a Distribution System from the United States to the Clear Creek Community Services District; H.R. 992, to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District; H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of non-project water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; H.R. 3077, to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project; S. 1659, to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the appurtenant irrigation districts; and S. 1836, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hyoelectric project in the State of Alabama.

SD-366

3 p.m.  
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on on issues relating to cabin fees.

SR-328A

## MARCH 23

9:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-138

Armed Services  
To hold hearings on S. 1712, to provide authority to control exports.

SR-222

Appropriations  
Treasury and General Government Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Internal Revenue Service.

SD-124

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Public Health Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on health care for the uninsured, focusing on safety net providers.

SD-430

Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas A. Fry, III, of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

SD-366

Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine India, Pakistan, and North Korea, focusing on nonproliferation policy.

SD-419

10 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings on the Monetary Policy Report to Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978.

SH-216

Judiciary  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-226

Finance  
To hold hearings to examine trade with the Peoples' Republic of China and its implications for United States national interests.

SD-215

Environment and Public Works  
Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water Subcommittee

To resume hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rules regarding changes in the total maximum daily load and NPDES permit programs pursuant to the Clean Water Act.

SD-406

10:30 a.m.  
Governmental Affairs  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-342

Appropriations  
Foreign Operations Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the Administration's program in Haiti.

SD-192

2 p.m.  
Judiciary  
Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine racial profiling within law enforcement agencies.

SD-226

Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters.

SH-219

2:30 p.m.  
Foreign Relations  
Business meeting to markup the proposed Technical Assistance, Trade Promotion and Anti-Corruption Act.

SD-419

Energy and Natural Resources  
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee  
To hold oversight hearings to examine the status of monuments and memorials in and around Washinton, D.C.

SD-366

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe  
To hold hearings on the impact of organized crime and corruption on democratic and economic reform.

SR-485

Armed Services  
SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Navy and Marine Corps' seapower operational capability requirements.

SR-222

## MARCH 24

9:30 a.m.  
Armed Services  
Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on DOD policies and programs to combat terrorism.

SR-222

10 a.m.  
Governmental Affairs  
To hold oversight hearings to examine rising oil prices.

SD-342

## MARCH 28

9:30 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Communications Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the current state of deployment of hi-speed Internet technologies, focusing on rural areas.

SR-253

Appropriations  
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine issues dealing with mind body and alternative medicines.

SD-192

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Children and Families Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on child safety on the Internet.

SD-430

Small Business  
To hold hearings to examine the extent of office supply scams, including toner-phoner schemes.

SD-562

Environment and Public Works  
Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency's clean air programs and the Army Corps of Engineers wetlands programs.

SD-406

10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Transportation Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, focusing on the positive notification requirement.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee  
To hold oversight hearings on the incinerator component at the proposed Advanced Waste Treatment Facility at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and its potential impact on the adjacent Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

SD-366

## MARCH 29

9:30 a.m.  
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

Energy and Natural Resources  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Appropriations  
Interior Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-124

10 a.m.  
Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings on how to structure government to meet the challenges of the millennium.

SD-342

Appropriations  
Defense Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs.

SD-192

Finance  
To resume hearings to examine the inclusion of a prescription drug benefit in the Medicare program.

SD-215

Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings on meeting the challenges of the millennium, focusing on proposals to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Federal Government.

SD-342

2:30 p.m.  
Indian Affairs  
Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band.

SR-485

Energy and Natural Resources  
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on S. 1778, to provide for equal exchanges of land around the

Cascade Reservoir, S. 1894, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County, Wyoming, and S. 1969, to provide for improved management of, and increases accountability for, outfitted activities by which the public gains access to and occupancy and use of Federal land.

SD-366

## MARCH 30

9:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SD-138

Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings on S. 882, to strengthen provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and the Federal Nonnuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 with respect to potential Climate Change; and S. 1776, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to revise the energy policies of the United States in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, advance global climate science, promote technology development, and increase citizen awareness.

SD-366

Appropriations  
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-124

10 a.m.  
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
To hold hearings on medical records privacy.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee  
To hold oversight hearings on the President's October 1999 announcement to review approximately 40 million acres of national forest lands for increased protection.

SD-366

## APRIL 4

9:30 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Interior Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of the Special Trustee, Department of the Interior.

SD-138

## APRIL 5

9:30 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold hearings on S. 612, to provide for periodic Indian needs assessments, to require Federal Indian program evaluations.

SR-485

10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Defense Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army programs.

SD-192

APRIL 6

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SD-138

APRIL 8

10 a.m.

Appropriations  
Defense Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on medical programs.

SD-192

APRIL 11

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations  
Interior Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Energy.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
To hold hearings on S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry; S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry; S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier; S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets; S. 1369, to enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency; S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system; and S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability.

SH-216

APRIL 12

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs  
Business meeting, to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups, and will be followed by a business meeting to consider pending committee business.

SR-485

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Community Development Financial Institutions, and Chemical Safety Board.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Appropriations  
Defense Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on missile defense programs.

SD-192

APRIL 13

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SD-138

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings on S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; S. 516, to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry; S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry; S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier; S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets; S. 1369, to enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service,

and energy conservation and efficiency; S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system; and S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on S. 2034, to establish the Canyons of the Ancients National Conservation Area.

SD-366

APRIL 26

10 a.m.

Appropriations  
Defense Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the American Legion.

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## POSTPONEMENTS

MARCH 23

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Aviation Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine issues relating to aviation security.

SR-253

10 a.m.

Appropriations  
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the Department of Commerce, and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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APRIL 19

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups.

SR-485